

shovel to get some glowing coals.⁴ Sagebrush was commonly burned in the fireplace, and the pioneer mother did her cooking over the open fire in kettles and griddles. Bread was baked in the family bake-oven placed in front of the fire. Candles or a rag burning in a pan of grease served for light at night.

The early accounts mention lean hard years during this period. Potatoes, bread, and garlic soup were common fare. Wild game was plentiful though, and served to ease the food problem, although bears came into the field and grubbed for carrots and other vegetables.⁵

Clothing was also a great problem. In the summer and fall of 1859 nearly all of the freight trains supplying Camp Floyd passed through the valley, taking advantage

⁴John Huber, "History of Midway Ward," MSS, (Daughters of Utah Pioneers Historical Collection, Heber City, 1920), p. 2.

⁵Crook, "History of Wasatch County," *op. cit.*, p. 16.



First brick home built in Wasatch County. Built by John Watkins. Now owned by Bishop Henry T. Coleman, Midway, 1868.